

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A method of facilitating the transfer of intellectual property, the method comprising:

obtaining at a computer system of a first entity information concerning intellectual property in which an interest is available for transfer (the “available

5 intellectual property”) from a second entity; and

transferring the interest in the available intellectual property by concluding an agreement between the first and second entities,

wherein the agreement is representative of an acceptance of an offer concerning the transferring of the interest in the available intellectual property and consideration for
10 the transferring of the interest, and

wherein at least a portion of the interest in the available intellectual property that is transferred to the first entity is intended to be transferred from the first entity to a third entity.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the information obtained concerning the available intellectual property relates to the nature of the available intellectual property; and

wherein the method further comprises:

5 processing the information relating to the nature of the available intellectual property, wherein processing includes at least one of manipulating, converting, transforming, analyzing, reviewing, modifying and organizing the information; and

obtaining additional information concerning the interest in the available intellectual property that is available for transfer (the “available interest”) after
10 completing the processing.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the processing allows for a determination concerning at least one of the financial value of the available intellectual property, the technological scope of the available intellectual property, the market/product coverage of the available intellectual property, the ownership/possessory status of the available intellectual property, and whether there have been past inquiries received at the computer system of the first entity concerning the available intellectual property and, if so, the nature of the past inquiries.
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4. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising processing the additional information concerning the available interest to determine if the available interest is desired for transfer by the first entity; generating a proposed agreement for transferring the available interest if the available interest is determined to be desired for transfer; and
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- Q1 providing the proposed agreement from the computer system of the first entity to another computer system of the second entity, wherein the computer system of the first entity is at least one of a computer system owned by the first entity and a server computer of an independent entity that is hosting a website for the first entity.
5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the concluding of the agreement includes at least one of receiving an acceptance at the computer system of the first entity and providing an acceptance from the computer system of the first entity, and further comprising providing payment upon the concluding of the agreement.
6. (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising receiving an objection to the proposed agreement at the computer system, and: either responding to the objection by generating a new proposed agreement and providing the new proposed agreement from the computer system;
- 5 or responding to the objection by providing an acceptance from the computer system.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein
the information obtained concerning the available intellectual property relates to
the interest in the available intellectual property that is available for transfer.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving an initial contact at the computer system;
providing descriptive information from the computer system concerning the first
entity;

5 obtaining identification information at the computer system concerning the
second entity; and
providing an identifier for future access.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
recording, on a database within the computer system, information regarding the
interest in the available intellectual property that is transferred in accordance with the
concluded agreement;

5 processing the information recorded on the database so that at least a portion of
the processed information can be utilized as descriptive information to be provided from
the computer system of the first entity to an IP exchange computer system.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
checking a database of the computer system of the first entity to determine the
existence of a relevant past inquiry regarding intellectual property conforming to the
available intellectual property that is transferred in accordance with the concluded

5 agreement; and
contacting an IP desirer computer system from which the computer system of the
first entity received such a relevant past inquiry.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein

either the obtained information concerning the available intellectual property is obtained at the computer system from an IP exchange computer system, and the method further comprises providing a bid after obtaining the information concerning the available
5 intellectual property;

or the method further comprises providing to the IP exchange computer system information regarding an intellectual property interest and then receiving a bid for the intellectual property interest.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the available intellectual property includes an intellectual property asset selected from among a patent, a trademark, a copyright, a patent application, an invention, and a trade secret; and

the interest in the available intellectual property includes at least one of a license
5 to a portion of the intellectual property asset, a license to the entire intellectual property asset, complete ownership in the intellectual property asset, and a contingent interest in the available intellectual property that becomes perfected upon the occurrence of a condition.

13. (Original) A method of facilitating the transfer of intellectual property, the method comprising:

obtaining at a computer system of a first entity information concerning intellectual property in which a second entity desires to obtain an interest (the "desired
5 intellectual property");

transferring the interest in the desired intellectual property by concluding an agreement between the first and second entities,

wherein the agreement is representative of an acceptance of an offer concerning the transferring of the interest in the desired intellectual property and consideration for
10 the transferring of the interest,

wherein at least a portion of the interest in the desired intellectual property that is transferred from the first entity was transferred from a third entity to the first entity.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13, further comprising:
processing the information obtained concerning the desired intellectual property,
wherein the information obtained concerning the desired intellectual property
relates to at least one of the nature of the desired intellectual property and the interest in
5 the desired intellectual property, and
wherein the information obtained concerning the desired intellectual property is
provided directly from the second entity, which is an IP desirer.
15. (Original) The method of claim 14,
wherein the information obtained concerning the desired intellectual property
relates to the nature of the desired intellectual property, and the processing of the
information includes a determination of whether there is any intellectual property
5 available to the first entity that conforms to the nature of the desired intellectual property;
and
@ 1 wherein the processing includes at least one of:
checking a database of the computer system having information concerning
intellectual property that is available to the first entity because it is at least in part
10 possessed by the first entity;
checking a database of past inquiries to the computer system from IP owners
concerning intellectual property that may be transferable from the IP owners to the first
entity; and
providing a search request to an IP exchange computer system concerning
15 intellectual property that is potentially transferable from IP owners via the IP exchange
computer system.
16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the processing includes the checking
of the database of past inquiries, and further comprising:
contacting an IP owner computer system to arrange for a transfer of an interest in
intellectual property conforming to the nature of the desired intellectual property when
5 the database of past inquiries indicates that an inquiry was received, from the IP owner

corresponding to the IP owner computer system, concerning intellectual property conforming to the nature of the desired intellectual property.

17. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein:

either the obtained information concerning the desired intellectual property is obtained at the computer system from an IP exchange computer system, and the method further comprises providing information concerning an intellectual property interest in response to the obtained information, and then receiving a bid for the intellectual property interest;

or the method further comprises providing, from the computer system to the IP exchange computer system, information regarding intellectual property in which an interest is desired by the first entity, receiving information concerning such intellectual property, and providing a bid to the IP exchange computer system.

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18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

21. (New) A method of facilitating transfers of intellectual property, the method comprising:

obtaining at a computer system of a first entity first information concerning first intellectual property in which a second entity desires to obtain a first interest;

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transferring the first interest in the first intellectual property by concluding a first agreement between the first and second entities;

obtaining at the computer system of the first entity second information concerning one of the first intellectual property and second intellectual property in which a third entity desires to obtain a second interest; and

10 transferring the second interest in the one of the first intellectual property and the second intellectual property by concluding a second agreement between the first and third entities.

22. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the second interest that is transferred is in the first intellectual property, wherein the second interest differs from the first interest, and wherein the first agreement differs from the second agreement, and wherein the computer system allows for the concluding of the different first and second agreements.

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23. (New) The method of claim 21, further comprising:
 obtaining at the computer system of the first entity third information concerning at least one of the first intellectual property, the second intellectual property and third intellectual property in which a third interest is available for transfer from a fourth entity, wherein the third information is one of identical to at least one of the first information and the second information and different from the first information and the second information; and

 transferring the third interest by concluding an agreement between the first and fourth entities, wherein the third interest is one of identical to at least one of the first and second interests and different from the first and second interests.
